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What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A dish drainer and tray set comprising:
a dish drainer having a perforate base and a perimeter wall
extending upward from the base, the perimeter wall and base
defining an interior of the dish drainer;
at least one compartment formed contiguous with the
perimeter wall and extending within the interior;
a separate and discrete water collecting tray having a footprint
larger than the base of the dish drainer when the water
collecting tray is in a first deployed configuration, the
discrete water collecting tray being positionable substantially
beneath the base of the dish drainer; and
the discrete water collecting tray being compactable to a second
storage configuration and positionable entirely within the
interior of the dish drainer when the water collecting tray is
in the second storage configuration.
2. (Currently Amended) The set of claim 1 wherein the water
collecting tray is made from a synthetic resin.
3. (Currently Amended) The set of claim 1 wherein the water
collecting tray includes at least one hinge, and wherein the water
collecting tray is folded about the hinge when the water collecting
tray is converted from the deployed to the storage configuration.
4. (Currently Amended) The set of claim 3 wherein the water
collecting tray is made from a synthetic resin and each hinge is a
live hinge.
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6. (Withdrawn)
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9. (Currently Amended) The set of claim 1 further comprising a silverware compartment which is readily detachable from or attachable to the water collecting tray.
10. (Currently Amended) The set of claim 9 wherein the compartment includes first locking components and the water collecting tray includes second locking components, the first and second locking components being locked together when the compartment is attached to the water collecting tray.
11. (Original) The set of claim 10 wherein one of the first and second locking components is a plurality of pegs and the other of the first and second locking components is a plurality of holes sized to receive the pegs.
12. (Currently Amended) The set of claim 9 wherein the silverware compartment is sized to fit entirely within the drainer interior when the water collecting tray is in the storage configuration.

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13. (Currently Amended) A combination dish drainer, tray set and package comprising:
- a dish drainer having a bottom, walls and an open top which together define a drainer interior;
- a first compartment formed contiguous with at least one of the walls and extending within the interior;
- a second compartment formed contiguous with at least one of the walls and extending within the interior;
- a water collecting tray configurable in a first compacted storage configuration and a second deployed configuration, the water collecting tray fitting entirely within the drainer interior when in the storage configuration and having a footprint greater than the bottom of the drainer when in the deployed configuration, ~~the tray being in its storage configuration; and~~
- a package sized to contain the drainer, wherein the package is ~~adapted too small to contain the water collecting tray only~~ when in the deployed storage configuration.
14. (Previously Amended) The combination dish drainer, tray set and package of claim 13 wherein the package is selected from the group consisting of corrugated, folding carton, or plastic film packages or packages made from combinations thereof.
15. (Currently Amended) The combination dish drainer, tray set and package of claim 13 wherein the water collecting tray is formed with an incline adapted to direct water into a sink folded in the storage configuration.
16. (Withdrawn)

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17. (Currently Amended) The combination dish drainer, tray set and package of claim 13 further including a silverware compartment selectively attachable to and detachable from the water collecting tray when the water collecting tray is in the deployed configuration, the compartment also placed positionable within the drainer interior.
 18. (Canceled)
 19. (Previously Added) The set of claim 18 wherein the packaging is a plastic film.
 20. (New) A dish drainer and tray set comprising:
a dish drainer having a perforate base and a perimeter wall extending upward from the base, the perimeter wall and base defining an interior of the dish drainer;
a water collecting tray having a footprint larger than the base of the dish drainer when the water collecting tray is in a first deployed configuration, the water collecting tray being positionable substantially beneath the base of the dish drainer and including an inclined surface for collecting and redirecting water from the dish drainer; and
the water collecting tray being compactable to a second storage configuration and positionable entirely within the interior of the dish drainer when the water collecting tray is in the second storage configuration.
 21. (New) The set of claim 1 wherein the water collecting tray includes an inclined base for collecting and redirecting water from the dish drainer.